(b) if so, whether any committee has been constituted by Government to formulate the proposal; and

(c) if so, the details of the committees constituted so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) to (c) Ministry of Water Resources (erstwhile Ministry of Irrigation) and Central Water Commission have prepared a National Perspective Plan in 1980 for transfer of waters from surplus basins to deficit basins by inter-linking of rivers for optimum development of water resources of the country.

In 1982 National Water Development Agency (NWDA) was set up as an autonomous Society to study these link proposals and to carry out feasiblity studies. Further, Government of India has set up a "National Commission for Integrated Water Resources Development Plan" in September, 1996. One of its terms of reference is to suggest modalities for transfer of surplus water to water deficit basin by inter-linking of rivers.

**Sardar Sarovar Project as National Project**

1038. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Gujarat and Members of Parliament from the State from all parties have been demanding for the declaration of Sardar Sarovar Project as a National Project;

(b) if so, whether Government have considered the demand;

(c) if so, when this project is likely to be declared a National Project; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. There have been requests from the Chief Minister of Gujarat and also from Members of Parliament for declaring Sardar Sarovar Project as a "National Project." However, there is no decision of the Government to declare any project in irrigation sector as "National Project".

**कृत्रिम भू-जल स्तर विकास योजना**

1039. **श्री ओंकार सिंह लखावत:** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) नौवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना में कृत्रिम भू-जल स्तर विकास योजना के क्रियान्वयन हेतु कितनी राशि निर्धारित की गई है;

(ख) क्या राजस्थान में अधिकांश क्षेत्र डार्क जोन एवं ग्रे जोन में आ जाने के कारण राज्य के उपर्युक्त योजना हेतु राशि आबंटित की जायेगी; यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) क्या सरकार इस योजना के अन्तर्गत लक्ष्य को समयबद्ध तरीके से अर्जित करने के लिए कोई विशेष कार्य योजना बना रही है?

**कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सोमपाल):** (क) नौवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना को अभी तक अंतिम रूप नहीं दिया गया है।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

**राजस्थान में त्वरित सिंचाई सुविधा कार्यक्रम**

1040. **श्री ओंकार सिंह लखावत:** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) त्वरित सिंचाई सुविधा कार्यक्रम (ए०आई०बी०पी०) के अन्तर्गत वित्तीय वर्ष 1998-99 के दौरान राजस्थान को कितनी राशि आबंटित करने का प्रस्ताव है और तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ख) नौवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना में इस कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत राजस्थान को कितनी धनराशि आबंटित की जायेगी; और

(ग) नौवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना में इस कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत धनराशि के राज्य-वार आबंटन संबंधी प्रस्ताव का ब्यौरा क्या है?

**कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सोमपाल):** (क) से (ग) त्वरित सिंचाई लाभ कार्यक्रम के अंतर्गत केन्द्रीय ऋण सहायता वार्षिक आधार पर दी जाती है और सामान्यत: आम बजट प्रस्तुत

किए जाने के बाद हर वर्ष के लिए प्रस्तावित सहायता की कुल राशि का पता चलता है।

**Construction of Sardar Sarovar Dam**

1041. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proceedings of the Supreme Court in the Sardar Sarovar Dam;

(b) the details of present status of construction of Dam via-a-vis the progress on upstreams; and

(c) the time by which it will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) In the matter of Civil Writ Petition No. 319/94 filed by Narmada Bachao Andolan in April, 1994 in the Supreme Court regarding Sardar Sarovar Project, the Hon'ble Supreme Court in its Order dated 5th May, 1995 ordered that for the time being the effective height of the Dam would be maintained at Elevation 81.5 metre. The Government of Gujarat has filed an Interlocutory Application before the Supreme Court on 9.12.1996 seeking permission to raise the effective height of the Spillway portion of the Dam from the present level of 81.5 metre to 85 metre. Union of India has also filed an Affidavit on 22.8.1996 alongwith an Application for directions with regard to construction of the Sardar Sarovar Dam without any constraint on height as long as it is built in accordance with Narmada Water Disputes Tribunal award and requesting modification in the Supreme Court Order dated 5.5.1995. While hearing the matter on 3.3.1997, the Supreme Court held the view that no modification in the earlier interim order of 5.5.1995 is called for. The Union of India has also filed a 'Written Submision' on 11.4.1997 pleading that under Article 262 of the Constitution read with Section-11 of the Inter-State Water Disputes Act, 1956, the Supreme Court has no jurisdiction to go into the matter arising out of a water dispute. This issue of jurisdiction of the Supreme Court in the matter was referred by the Supreme Court vide its Order dated 29.4.1997 to the Constitution Bench hearing the Cauvery mattter. However, the issues relating to the implementation of the Resettlement & Rehabilitaiton measure of the Project Affected Families raised in the petition of the Narmada Bachao Andolan are being heard by the existing Bench of the Supreme Court. The matter was last heard on 16.4.1998 and has now been listed for further hearing on 13.8.1998.

(b) At present, effective height of the Sardar Sarovar Dam is being maintained at Elevation 81.5 metre. As regards progress on upstream projects, the Government of Madhya Pradesh have prepared a Master Plan for construction of 29 major, 135 medium and 3000 minor irrigation schemes upstream of Sardar Sarovar Dam, out of which 3 major, 16 medium and 910 minor irrigation schemes have been completed.

(c) The time of Completion of Sardar Sarovar Dam depends on disposal of Writ Petition pending before the Supreme court, progress on Resettlement & Rehabilitaiton of Project Affected Families and availability of funds with the States concerned.

**Decision of the Review Committee of Narmada Control Authority**

1042. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Madhya Pradesh is extending its cooperation for shifting of the project affected families in the light of the decision taken in the last meeting of the Review Committee of Narmada Control Authority and delay in view of the order passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in this regard;

(b) if so, the details of the families so far shifted;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and